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prove informed choice, and for other purposes.

S. 2038

At the request of Mr. QUAYLE, the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2038, a bill to provide for demonstration projects under which the Secretary of Defense may require a contractor under certain defense contracts to provide training in skilled occupations in which there is a substantial shortage and for other purposes.

S. 2083

At the request of Mr. SASSER, the Senator from Florida (Mr. CHILES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2083, a bill to discourage the violation of mineral leasing laws, and to improve the collection of Federal royalties and lease payments derived from certain natural resources under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 2124

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. ZORINSKY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2124, a bill to provide relief from honey imports.

S. 2222

At the request of Mr. SIMPSON, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. SASSER), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. PROXMIRE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2222, a bill to revise and reform the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2267

At the request of Mr. HEINZ, the Senator from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2267, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to waive the interest penalty for failure to pay estimated income tax, for elderly and retired persons, in certain situations.

S. 2297

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2297, a bill to amend title II, United States Code, to improve the protection for shopping centers and their tenants under the Bankruptcy Code.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. EAST, the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to provide for revision of the military retired or retainer pay of certain retired members of the Armed Forces who were called or ordered to active duty between October 1, 1963, and October 1, 1971.

S. 2330

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KASTEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2330, a bill to provide for the minting of the American Eagle gold coin pursuant to article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

S. 2362

At the request of Mr. ARMSTRONG, the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2362, a bill to abolish the Synthetic Fuels Corporation.

S. 2404

At the request of Mr. HEINZ, the Senator from Florida (Mr. CHILES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2404, a bill to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 to reauthorize the housing for the elderly and handicapped program, and for other purposes.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. HEINZ, the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DURENBERGER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2424, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to allow a credit against tax for expenses incurred in the care of elderly family members.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

At the request of Mr. EXON, the Senator from Michigan (Mr. RIEGLE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. PERCY), the Senator from California (Mr. HAYAKAWA), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. METZENBAUM) were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 131, a joint resolution designating "National Theatre Week."

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 178

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. EXON), and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. CANNON) were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 178, a joint resolution to authorize and request the President to proclaim the second week in April as "National Medical Laboratory Week."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 62

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the Senator from Missouri (Mr. EAGLETON) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 62, a concurrent resolution to congratulate Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America on the celebration of its 70th anniversary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 81

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MATTINGLY) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 81, a concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress that the President should promptly hold a summit with leaders of the Soviet Union to reduce the risks of nuclear war and to seek control and reduction of nuclear weapons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 84

At the request of Mr. PERCY, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 84, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the centennial of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Korea.

SENATE RESOLUTION 354

At the request of Mr. EXON, the Senator from Missouri (Mr. EAGLETON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. HUDDLESTON), and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. BURDICK) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 354, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to an immediate resumption of negotiations with the Government of the Soviet Union for an extension of the existing long-term grain sales agreement, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 87—CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO EAST TIMOR

Mr. TSONGAS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 87

Whereas many tens of thousands of East Timorese have died, either directly as a result of military operations or from consequent famine and disease, since the invasion and occupation of East Timor by the Government of Indonesia;

Whereas the threat of serious food shortages and continued medical problems persists in East Timor;

Whereas reports of violations of human rights in East Timor continue to be brought to international attention;

Whereas many hundreds of East Timorese have been prevented from emigrating from East Timor;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia has strictly limited access to East Timor and the free flow of information from the territory;

Whereas the people of East Timor have not been permitted to freely exercise their right of political self-determination recognized under the United Nations Charter; and

Whereas since 1975 the United Nations General Assembly has consistently condemned Indonesia's unilateral annexation of East Timor: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the President should take all appropriate measures to—

(1) encourage the Government of Indonesia to allow appropriate international relief agencies increased access to East Timor and to allow such agencies to establish full-time humanitarian relief operations in East Timor;

(2) encourage and assist the governments of Indonesia, Portugal, and Australia to facilitate the reunification of families separated because of developments in East Timor, and encourage the involvement of appropriate international agencies in this process;

(3) encourage the Government of Indonesia to allow free access to East Timor by international journalists and international human rights organizations; and

(4) encourage the Government of Indonesia to agree to negotiations through which Indonesian troops will be withdrawn from East Timor and the people of East Timor will be permitted to freely exercise their internationally recognized right of self-determination.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President.

● Mr. TSONGAS. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution calling upon the President to encourage the Government of Indonesia to change its policies on the island of East Timor. On several occasions I have spoken of the tragic situation in the

former Portugese colony of East Timor, which was invaded by Indonesia 6 years ago. On December 16 of last year I expressed great concern over accounts from Roman Catholic sources in East Timor who reported that a recent Indonesian military offenseive, accompanied by charges of the most gruesome of atrocities, could lead to serious food shortages. I emphasized that East Timor was still recovering from the Cambodia-like cataclysm that struck the island territory from 1978 through 1980, and suggested that additional food stockpiles be established to help avert further disasters.

On February 8, I drew attention to Australian press accounts of an appeal for food aid made by Martinho da Costa Lopes, the Apostolic Administrator of East Timor, to the Australian Catholic Relief Agency. I noted that the Austrailian Government had responded immediately with a pledge of 1,000 tons of corn for the Austrailian Catholic Relief shipment. I was careful to note that Austrailian Catholic Relief had not been permitted to enter East Timor to supervise distribution of the food aid, and called for the establishment of full-time, on-the-ground operations by qualified, independent international relief agencies. I stated my belief that a neutral international presence is needed in East Timor to protect the civilian population from further violence as well as to distribute food and medicine.

On another issue, I was very pleased to learn that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was allowed to visit East Timor prisons over a 2-week period in late February, and hope that ICRC is able to continue its valuable activities in the territory.

The ICRC prison visits were undoubtedly a positive step, but they constitute only one aspect of the situation. I have learned, for example, that the Indonesian Government flatly refused to accept the 1,000 tons of corn offered by Australia to fortify the Timor stockpiles. The reason for this stand, according to a March 8 article from the Sydney Morning Herald, is "Jakarta's continuing anger over the credence given by Australian Catholic Relief to Monsignor da Costa Lopes's letter" which the Indonesian Government "claims was mischievous and false."

But Monsignor Lopes apparently had good reason to worry about the food situation, not to mention the human rights situation in general. The Far Eastern Economic Review reported on March 19 that "some observers are concerned that food shortages may develop and that Indonesia's angry reaction to international criticism of its East Timor policy may hinder relief activities," and added that relief agencies want some form of relief work to continue in East Timor but that "Jakarta has been reluctant to admit there is such a need."

The Indonesian Government is also most reluctant to admit that many thousands of East Timorese want to leave their homeland because of the existing situation on the island. There are hundreds of people who have been approved for immigration to Australia or Portugal but have been prevented from doing so.

The London Times, in a February 24 editorial, notes recent reports of atrocities committed by Indonesian forces against the East Timorese, and states that, "If this was the situation after six years it is no longer tenable to argue that the Indonesian fait accompli has to be accepted in the interests of peace and stability."

I wholeheartedly agree with this statement, and believe that a just political solution in accordance with international law is the only viable solution to this tragedy. And I believe that it is in Indonesia's long-term interests to agree to such a just solution.

Mr. President, I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution. The future of the Timorese people may depend on our action.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the editorial, "Horror in East Timor," from the London Times, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the London Times, Feb. 24, 1982]

HORROR IN EAST TIMOR

When Indonesian troops invaded East Timor in December 1975 it was quite obvious that no one was going to stop them. Fretilin (the Revolutionary Front for the Independence of East Timor), which at that moment was in de facto control of the country, was certainly not strong enough. Portugal, the colonial power which had not—and still has not—formally renounced sovereignty, no longer had any authority on the ground or any troops capable of taking action anywhere near.

The nearest neighbouring country, Australia, had publicly all but promised Indonesia a free hand. Western powers generally, in common with the members of the Association of South-East Asian states, were anxious to keep on good terms with Indonesia as a major oil-producer, a rapidly expanding market, and a regional power opposed to communism.

Not much has been heard about East Timor in this country since then, but the crime has continued to trouble consciences both in Portugal and in Australia. President Suharto officially proclaimed the incorporation of East Timor into Indonesia in 1976, and this was recognized by Australia in 1978, as well as by the ASEAN states. But Portugal continues to claim sovereignty on the grounds that the East Timorese have not yet been able to exercise their right of self-determination, and the United Nations has consistently called for the withdrawal of Indonesian forces.

More important, it seems that all is far from well in East Timor itself. A pamphlet published yesterday by the Catholic Institute for International Relations states that Indonesian control is "still not unchallenged". It is "clear that resistance continues, and in 1981–1982 the Indonesian army was carrying out large-scale sweeps in the Lautem region, in the east of the territory". It is estimated, horrifyingly, that since the invasion more than 100,000 people have died, either directly as a result of military operations or from consequent famine and disease, out of a population of only about 670,000.

Two documents seem particularly damning for the Indonesian authorities. One is a report sent to President Suharto in June last year by the "Regional People's Representative Assembly" appointed by the Indonesians themselves. This report, while expressing undying gratitude for the incorporation of East Timor into Indonesia, suggests that that objective is being jeopardized by the behaviour of Indonesian troops and officials which "can only be described as being the behaviour of conquerors towards a conquered people". It cites instances of murder, torture, and other forms of violence and abuse.

The other document is a letter from the leader of the Roman Catholic Church in East Timor to the Chairman of Australian Catholic Relief, sent last November, which refers to expected famine and to the killing of many Timorese people, including children and pregnant women, by Indonesian forces in the military operation of July, August and September 1981.

If this was the situation after six years it is no longer tenable to argue that the Indonesian fait accompli has to be accepted in the interests of peace and stability. Indonesia has obviously not won over the hearts and minds of the East Timorese, and her very unwillingness to allow independent observers access to the territory corroborates that. A solution based on negotiations and the free choice of the inhabitants is urgently needed and the international community—particularly those countries which have close economic and military ties with Indonesia, including Britain—should make a much more serious effort to achieve one.●

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED FOR PRINTING

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL ACT OF 1981

AMENDMENT NO. 1393

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1662) to establish a limited program for Federal storage of spent fuel from civilian nuclear powerplants, to set forth a Federal policy, initiate a program, and establish a national schedule for the disposal of nuclear waste from civilian activities, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1394

(Ordered to be printed.)

Mr. PROXMIRE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1662, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 1395

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

Mr. CANNON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 1350 to the bill S. 1662, supra.